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Our File: 1301-1160

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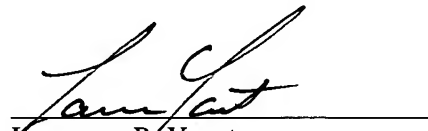
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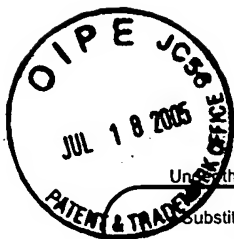
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